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NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Sentine	l Securities, Inc.		OFFICIAL USE ONLY
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55 Walkers Brook Drive			
	(No. and Street)		
Reading	MA	01867	
(City)	(State)	(Zip	Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF Joshua Meltzer	PERSON TO CONTACT IN REC		RT 81-914-1242
		(A	rea Code – Telephone Number)
B. A0	CCOUNTANT IDENTIFICA	TION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTAN	T whose opinion is contained in th	is Report*	_
Brace & Associates, PLLC			
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I,	Jo	oshua Meltzer	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my		owledge and belief the accompanying financial natinel Securities, Inc.	I statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of	De	cember 31	, 20 07 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
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		Notary Public	
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		Computation for Determination of Reserve R	equirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
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			found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

^{**}For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

SENTINEL SECURITIES, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007

BRACE & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

Certified Public Accountant____

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Sentinel Securities, Inc. Reading, MA

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Sentinel Securities, Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2007 and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2007 that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sentinel Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2007 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I, II, III, and IV, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Brace & Associates, PLLC Certified Public Accountant

Londonderry, New Hampshire

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February 26, 2008

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents Receivable from broker-dealers and clearing organizations Prepaid expenses Deposits with clearing organizations Deferred tax assets Goodwill Intangible assets at cost, less	\$ 334,324 437,597 38,027 50,000 80,361 (689,262)
accumulated amortization of \$152,309	1,532,814
Furniture and equipment at cost, less, accumulated depreciation of \$2,857	4,881
Total Assets	\$ 1,788,742
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities Deferred income	\$ 234,813 204,473
Income taxes payable	65,811
Total Liabilities	505,097
Stockholders' Equity Common stock, no par value, shares authorized	
20,000; 2,966 issued and outstanding shares Retained earnings	1,283,645
Total Stockholders' Equity	1,283,645
Total Stockholders' Equity and Liabilities	\$ 1,788,742

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Revenues:

Commissions Fee income Interest and dividends Other income	\$ 1,679,072 18,585 30,066 35,000
	1,762,723
Expenses:	
Employee compensation and benefits Clearance fees Occupancy costs Other expenses	1,139,214 298,936 20,379 353,724 1,812,253
Income Before Income Taxes	(49,530)
Provision for Income Taxes	47,450
Net Income	\$ (96,980)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at January 1, 2007	\$ 20,000	\$ 364,072	\$ 384,072
Sale of stock and assets	(20,000)	1,016,553	996,553
Net Income		(96,980)	(96,980)
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ -	\$ 1,283,645	\$ 1,283,645

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income(loss)		\$	(96,980)
Adjustments to reconcile net income			
to net cash provided by operating activities			
Depreciation	\$ 2,857		
Amortization	152,309		
Deferred taxes	(83,727)		
Deferred income	204,473		
Noncash expense	692		
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:			
Increase in receivable from broker-dealers	(275,801)		
Decrease in receivable from noncustomers	17,294		
Decrease in prepaid expenses	389		
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilites:			
Increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses	141,564		
Decrease in securities sold short, not yet purchased	(10,890)		
Increase in income taxes payable	 53,317		
Total adjustments			202,477
Net cash provided by operating activities			105,497
Cash flows from investing activities:			
None			<u> </u>
			
Cash flows from financing activities:			
None			<u>.</u>
Net increase in cash			105,497
Cash at beginning of year			
Cash at beginning of year			228,827
Cash at end of the year		<u>\$</u>	334,324
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest payments		\$	42
Income tax payments		\$	73.689
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Disclosure of accounting policy:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 1- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Nature of Business

The Company was incorporated on February 1, 2000. It serves as a broker/dealer in securities. Related commission revenue and expenses are recorded on a settlement date basis which approximates the trade date.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Allowance for Bad Debts

The Company considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

Fixed Assets

Furniture and equipment are being depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, ranging from five to seven years. For the period ended December 31, 2007, depreciation expense was \$2,857.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the Company are entitled to paid vacation, paid sick days, and personal days off, depending on job classification, length of service, and other factors. It is impracticable to estimate the amount of compensation for future absences, and accordingly, no liability has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. The company's policy is to recognize the costs of compensated absences when actually paid to employees.

NOTE 2- NET CAPITAL

As a broker dealer, the Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's regulations and operating guidelines, which require the Company to maintain a specified amount of net capital as defined, and a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital as derived, not exceeding 15 to 1. The Company's net capital as computed under 15c3-1, was \$220,057 at December 31, 2007, which exceeded required net capital of \$50,000 by \$170,057. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital at December 31, 2007 was 136.6%.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 3- TAXES ON INCOME

Taxes on income consist of the following:

	Federal	State	Total
Current Deferred	\$ 94,629 <u>(61,415)</u> <u>\$ 33,214</u>	\$ 33,182 (18,961) <u>\$ 14,221</u>	\$127,811 (80,376) \$ 47,435

Deferred income taxes arise from temporary differences resulting from income and expense items reported for financial accounting and tax purposes in different periods. Deferred tax assets are recorded to reflect deductible temporary differences and operating loss carryforwards while deferred tax liabilities are recorded to reflect taxable temporary differences.

NOTE 4- CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company maintains its checking account in one commercial bank. Cash in this checking account at times exceeded \$100,000. The checking account is secured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000.

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities with counterparties. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the credit worthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty with which it conducts business.

NOTE 5- RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is related to Sentinel Benefits Group through common ownership and management. Any transactions with this entity are minimal and at arm's length. The Company reimbursed the related party for payroll and commission transactions paid from its bank accounts to employees of the Company. The Company also has an expense sharing agreement in place with this related party to allocate certain overhead costs to the Company. No amounts were due to or from this related party at December 31, 2007.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 6- INTANGIBLE ASSETS

On January 2, 2007 the Company was acquired as part of the acquisition of Sentinel Benefits Group by Focus Financial, LLC. As of the date of acquisition, the assets included valuations for intangible assets and goodwill. \$1,361,061 was assigned to customer lists and \$324,062 was assigned to a contract with management with estimated useful lives of 10 and 20 years, respectively. Those intangible assets will be amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives, subject to valuation for impairment on an annual basis. Amortization for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$152,309.

SENTINEL SECURITIES, INC. SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

SCHEDULE I

COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1

DECEMBER 31, 2007

Total ownership equity from statement of financial condition	\$	1,283,645
Total nonallowable assets from statement of financial condition	((1,061,482)
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		222,163
Haircuts on securities		(2,106)
Net capital	_\$	220,057
Aggregate indebtedness:	_	000 (01
Total A.I. liabilities from statement of financial condition	<u>\$</u>	300,624
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>_</u> \$_	300,624
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	_	136.6%
Computation of basic net capital requirement:	_	
Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of A.I.)	<u></u>	20,042
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	\$	50,000
Net capital requirement	\$	50,000
Excess net capital	<u>\$</u>	170,057
Excess net capital at 1000%	_\$_	189,995

RECONCILIATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1 (X-17A-5) AT DECEMBER 31, 2007

SCHEDULE I (CONTINUED)

	FOCUS REPORT - PART IIA QUARTER ENDED December 31, 2007	<u>ADJUSTMENTS</u>	ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT December 31, 2007
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITA	AL	·	
Total ownership equity from statement of financial condition	\$ 1,271,550	\$ 12,095	\$ 1,283,645
Deductions and/or charges: Total nonallowable assets from statement of financial			
condition	985,173	76,309	1,061,482
Haircuts on securities	2,106		2,106
Total deductions	987,279	76,309	1,063,588
Net capital	\$ 284,271	\$ (64,214)	\$ 220,057

SCHEDULE II

SENTINEL SECURITIES, INC.

INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3

DECEMBER 31, 2007

The Company had no items reportable as customers' fully paid securities: (1) not in the Company's possession or control as of the audit date (for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had been issued as of the audit date) but for which the required action was not taken by the Company within the time frames specified under Rule 15c3-3 or (2) for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had not been issued as of the audit date, excluding items arising from "temporary lags which result from normal business operations" as permitted under Rule 15c3-3.

SCHEDULE III

SENTINEL SECURITIES, INC.

SCHEDULE OF SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDS IN SEGREGATION FOR CUSTOMERS' REGULATED COMMODITY FUTURES AND OPTION ACCOUNTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

The Company claims exemption from the segregation requirements of the Commodities Futures Act since it has no commodity customers as the term is defined in Regulation 1.3(k).

SCHEDULE IV

SENTINEL SECURITIES, INC.

COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKER/DEALER UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DECEMBER 31, 2007

Sentinel Securities Inc., is exempt from the reserve requirements of Rule 15c3-3 as its transactions are limited, such that they do not handle customer funds or securities, accordingly, the computation for determination of reserve requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 and information relating to the possession or control requirement pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 are not applicable.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Structure Required by SEC Rule 17a-5

Board of Directors Sentinel Securities, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Sentinel Securities, Inc., (the Company), for the year ended December 31, 2007, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
- 2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, which we consider to be material weakness as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2007, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers Regulation, Inc. and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Brace & Associates, PLLC Certified Public Accountant Londonderry, New Hampshire February 26, 2008

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